GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DISMAL PERFORMANCE OF NREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed, job demanded and provided under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), State-wise;

(b) whether prosperous States have performed behind national average in providing jobs under NREGS as reported in the Times of India dated January 27, 2008;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has announced any incentives to the States performing well in the implementation of the Scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (c): NREGS is demand driven. A job card holding household under NREGA has a legal right to get 100 days of employment in a financial year for doing unskilled manual work on demand. This right can be exercised by a household any time during a financial year. Employment demand under NREGA is likely to be low in districts that are comparatively more developed, with greater opportunities of employment in other avenues both in agriculture and rural non-farm activities. State-wise data regarding number of households who have demanded and have been provided employment under NREGA during the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 (up to January, 2008) is given in Annexure-I.

(d): No, Sir. Since NREGS is demand driven, no incentives have been announced by the Government for States performing well in the implementation of the Scheme.

(e): Does not arise.